

SONDER RACES SEEM DOOMED

Further International Events of This Class of Boats Predicted at End.

Yachtsmen about Marblehead predict the doom of international sonder races. The series now in progress with the Germans has brought out the fact that further contests from that section of Europe are improbable. Other countries are not likely to throw the gauntlet to Massachusetts for a match in that type of boat.

The Germans are eager to sell their boats here and at a sacrifice rather than go to bother and expense of freighting them back to Hamburg. Rates are high, particularly on transatlantic liners, and \$200 would hardly cover cost of getting the long-legged craft into home waters.

Frankly, the Germans admit they did not expect to win at Marblehead. They came over for the good time incident to racing and receptions, and on this occasion have not been disappointed. Defeat has not ruffled dispositions.

Speaking of entertainments, visitors get more at Marblehead than Americans did at Kiel, where international contests have been sailed. Along the North Shore of Massachusetts bay are summer homes of prominent yachtsmen who have vied with one another in giving the Germans a good time. Conditions, however, are different at Kiel, where few yachtsmen reside and organizations possess limited facilities for entertaining.

Outside meeting the Emperor there really is very little in way of thrills at Kiel unless it be the strong wind and chop incident to racing small boats. Foreigners at Marblehead for international matches return with high regard for hospitality accorded them.

That the German sonders, Angela VI, Serum and Wittelsbach, are fine boats for Kiel, goes without question, but they have not shown to much advantage in Marblehead calms. As for skill, the Americans have advantage regardless of the speed qualities of their sonders. Foreign yachtsmen declare men like those racing the American team are without equal in the world for work in hand. Practically all started in the game as boys and, therefore, possess wide experience, coupled with expert skill, particularly in Marblehead waters. Such combination comes pretty near being invincible, say the Germans.

With the sonder side tracked there is possibility of an international contest with the eight-meter sloop now quite the thing over sea. These boats are about the size of class Q sloops or a trifle under 30 feet water line. Already talk is going the rounds that a class may be built under the British rule with an international match in

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Yankee, Lafayette, W. H. Rider and Buema were at Canso, N. S., on Monday and cleared for fishing.

Mackerel on Cape Shore.

Last week was an active one among fishermen along the shore, and besides the large number of mackerel in the bay, there was also something doing in halibut and herring, says the Halifax Herald.

Early in the week the mackerel came into the bay in large quantities, but were deep down and hence few were seen. But on Wednesday and Thursday they were on top, and the whole surface of the bay at times showed large schools of fish. Most of them, however, were taken in the nets and traps, and these were taken out from Purcell's Cove to the cape.

Charles Purcell got a few hundred in his trap, while Richard and Samuel Purcell each had a small pod. Henry Purcell and Hyson each got a few hundred, while James Lynch, James Brooks, William McLellan and James Hanrahan, further down, all secured some in their nets.

At Herring Cove all the fishermen did well, much better than last year, but on the whole the clean-up was far below the standard in quality. Prices ranged from six to 15 cents.

Further out in the bay the mackerel were not taken in large quantities, but the herring were quite plentiful and are still hanging on. A number of halibut were also taken in the outer bay on the shoals, but the wind came in and many of the traps were taken in, the prospects of a big gale inducing the fishermen to take in their gear. The wind has been in the same unfavorable quarter since and there was nothing doing along the shore.

One very large school of mackerel was seen off Big Point, Ferguson's Cove, on Thursday evening, and a seine boat went after it, but in making the shot, the seine got fouled and the fish were lost. There were more than one hundred barrels in the school.

A FINE FOUR DOLLAR MARKET

For the Three Crafts Which Tied Up at T Wharf This Morning.

Fresh fish arrivals at Boston this morning were extremely light, one sailing craft and a steam trawler furnishing the supply.

The Mary hails for 51,000 pounds, while the steamer Swell has 29,000 pounds and 7000 pounds lemon sole. Yesterday afternoon, sch. Pontiac arrived, having 79,000 pounds of mixed fish.

Wholesale prices were \$4 to \$4.40 a hundred pounds for haddock, \$4 to \$4.50 for large cod, \$2.25 for market and \$2 to \$3 for hake.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Mary, 38,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 3000 hake.

Str. Swell, 27,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 7000 lemon sole.

Sch. Pontiac, 42,000 haddock, 27,000 cod, 5000 hake, 5000 pollock.

Haddock, \$4 to \$4.40 per cwt.; large cod, \$4 to \$4.50; market cod, \$2.25; hake, \$2 to \$3.

FIVE TRIPS IN HERE TODAY

Two of Halibut, Two of Salt Cod and One of Salt Mackerel.

Sch. John Hays Hammond, Capt. Archie McLeod, has another of those famous trips of his here this morning his hall being for 35,000 pounds of fresh halibut and 40,000 pounds fresh fish. Capt. McLeod fished on Grand Banks and reports very good weather most of the time out.

Another halibut fare is sch. Kineo, Capt. Nathaniel Greenleaf, also from the same fishing grounds with 25,000 pounds fresh halibut and a fresh shack fare of 10,000 pounds.

A nice headline fare is that of sch. Claudia from Georges with 40,000 pounds salt cod, while sch. Eugenia, salt drifting, has 50,000 pounds. Both crafts are from the firm of Sylvanus Smith & Company.

Sch. Mattie Winship, another of the Georgesmen, has a fare of 20,000 lbs. salt cod.

One salt mackerel fare, sch. Terranova, Capt. John Hicky arrived since yesterday and her fare is on the market.

Two cured fresh cargoes from Maine are also here, sch. Rising Billow bringing 70,000 pounds cured fish for the Cunningham & Thompson Co. and sch. Triton, smoked herring and cured fish or George Perkins & Son.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Mattie Winship, Georges handling, 20,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. John Hays Hammond, Grand Bank, 35,000 lbs. fresh halibut, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Kineo, Grand Bank, 23,000 lbs. fresh halibut, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Terranova, seining, 102 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Claudia, Georges handling, 40,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Eugenia, salt drifting, 50,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Rising Billow, Eastport, Maine, 70,000 lbs. cured fish.

Sch. Triton, Jonesport, Maine, herring and cured fish.

Str. Thelma, seining.

Str. Nashawena, seining.

Sch. Jessie Costa, Boston.

Sailed Yesterday.

Sch. Alert, haddocking.

Sch. Edith Silveira, haddocking.

Sch. Ingomar, halibuting.

Sch. Pauline, Georges handling.

Sch. Titania, Georges handling.

Sch. Corsair, drifting.

Sch. Muriel, drifting.

Sch. Mildred Robinson, Boston.

Having New Spar.

The scout sch. Pioneer is having a new foremast stepped at Burnham Brothers shears.

Halibut at Portland.

Sch. Cavalier was at Portland yesterday with 15,000 pounds of halibut, beside some salt and fresh fish.

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First Mackerel Catch Some Time Taken by S Gracie E. Freeman

After a protracted absence, mackerel are showing up again little sch. Gracie Freeman making small haul of tinkers off Nam yesterday, which she ran fresh to ton market and sold to the d this morning at seven cents a

The receipts of groundfish this morning were chiefly pollock, while shore fleet have been striking off ferys. Of the off-shore fellows A. Piatt Andrew, the only on hails for 45,000 pounds mixed fish.

Wholesale dealers quoted \$3.45 a hundred pounds for had \$4.50 to \$5 for large cod; \$3 for kets, \$1.50 to \$3 for hake; \$1.7 \$1.80 for pollock, and \$2.25 for

Boston Arrivals.

The arrivals and receipts in are:

Sch. A. Piatt Andrew, 40,000 dock, 1500 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Edith Silveira, 10,000 had 1100 cod, 15,000 hake.

Sch. Appomattox, 14,000 pollock.

Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 9000 pol

Sch. Annie and Jennie, 18,000 lock.

Sch. Eva Avina, 3500 pollock.

Sch. Viking, 10,000 pollock.

Sch. Gracie Freeman, 1800 fresh ker mackerel.

Sch. Marion, 4000 pollock.

Haddock, \$3.85 to \$4.50 per large cod, \$4.50 to \$5; market cod hake, \$1.50 to \$3; pollock, \$1.7 \$1.80; cusk, \$2.25; fresh macker per lb.

BANKER'S CREW FOUGHT FOR LI

With one man missing and the exhausted from a three-days' fight keep the vessel afloat during a at the cod fishing schooner City of eete, arrived in San Francisco Wednesday night in a battered condition.

The schooner sailed from San Francisco a week ago for Unsa, Alaska under Capt. Prellberg, with a cargo supplies for the Alaska fishing tions, a crew of 11 men and 22 men.

The gale hit the vessel Sunday miles out, and up-ended the craft, deck cargo shifted and the schooner ripped before the schooner could righted.

Anthony Caddickar, sailor, washed overboard and was not again.

Extra pumps were rigged up at the men stood by in shifts to keep little vessel afloat while struggling back to port.

HEATH'S TRAP TOOK TINKERS

Heath's trap took 5000 pounds of fresh tinker mackerel last night which were brought down here this morning and sold to Lufkin & Tarr, the bustling fresh fish buyers at the port.

Portland Fishing Notes.

The schooner Maud F. Silva, which took out 25,000 pounds of halibut here Wednesday, sold her salt fish yesterday to Lord Bros., and her fresh to F. Willard.

The schooner Angie B. Watson, which came in from her last sword-fishing trip Monday, will go on the way at the first opportunity for a general overhauling, after which she will fit out for trawling.

Fish receipts Wednesday were very light, the steamers Pet and Elthier bringing in about 90 barrels of herring in all, while some 75 barrels of small herring were brought up from the lower bay. A few of the netters were in with small catches of mackerel, among them being the sloop Sarah with about 200 fish, her trip not having been a very profitable one, as her nets had been badly damaged by a tug and four master schooner passing over them.

A Giant Lobster.

A fisherman at North Rustico, P. E. last week made a great find—a monster lobster, which had evidently been washed ashore by the gale which had died off that portion of the coast. It was alive when he found it—in fact it was still alive when he brought it to Charlottetown on Saturday. It weighed between 14 and 15 pounds, and from the tip of its tail to the end of its stretched claw it measured 31 inches. Evidently it was of considerable age; sea moss was thick upon it and there was a barnacle of considerable growth on one claw.

Lost Her Topmast.

Sch. John Hays Hammond, here this morning, is minus her main topmast, which was snapped off close to the mainmast head last Thursday, while the craft was fishing on Grand Bank.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon was at Halifax, N. S., Tuesday with 150,000 lbs.

PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

Arrivals.

S. buoy tender, Mayflower.
J. P. Foster, Jr., Provincetown, from wrecked sch. Lucania
E. L. Rowe & Son.

Halibut Sale.

The halibut fares of schs. Waldo L. and Catherine Burke were announced by the American Halibut Company yesterday, the former selling for 12 cents a pound for white and 11 cents for gray, while the trip of the latter sold at 12 cents a pound for white and 10 cents for gray.

The fresh halibut fare of sch. Harlow sold to the New England Halibut Company at 12 1-2 cents a pound for white and 10 1-2 cents a pound for

LOOKS BETTER AT LABRADOR

Conveying the news that the Canadian Labrador fall cod-fishery has opened with great promise and that prospects of a disastrous year are rapidly waning, the Shelburne schooner J. J. Cox has just returned from the barren northland. The Cox shows signs of a hard encounter with the elements on the homeward run; her main-boom and the jaws of the fore-gaff are broken, injuries inflicted by a hurricane encountered near the Magdalen Islands.

Since leaving port last mid-June the J. J. Cox has sailed along a stretch of the Labrador of Quebec measuring about 250 miles and has traded with the inhabitants of ten intermediate ports, exchanging various merchandise for native products.

"When September opened," said Capt. McCarthy, "over half the four months when fishing can be carried on up there had past, and the net result was an absolute failure; if one expects the salmon catch, which is secured by only a small percentage of the population. Practically nothing had been taken in traps, but during the ten days of this month we remained at Labrador the handlers were hailing for fine fares. If this run keeps up it is quite likely the people will secure enough fish to provide the necessary provisions to tide them over the long eight month winter."

Captain McCarthy further stated that the herring were found plentiful this summer, but the Labrador fishermen were unable to take full advantage of the opportunity. The fish were there to catch but the fishermen were not supplied with sufficient barrels to salt them down in. Considerable quantities were netted, however, but their main use was for the store of dog-feed for the winter. Every family has a team of seven to twelve dogs to haul the wood and other teams and herring forms a good fodder.

Some unlearned disease afflicted some of the herring schools which came this season in greater quantity than for five years. All along the shore thousands of dead fish were cast up by the waves, while at sea they were floating either dead or inert upon the surface. The unknown plague did not seriously affect the existence of the fishery, tho.

Returning to the subject of the cod catch, Captain McCarthy declared one reason why much was expected of the recently begun hand-lining was the appearance, close in-shore of plentiful shoals of caplin and another small fish used as bait and known in Labrador as "lant," but called "sand-ells" in Nova Scotia from their long attenuated bodies and also because when alarmed they burrow deep in the sandy bottom of the ocean to avoid a foe. These small species of sea life prove excellent bait for cod-fishing and the fishermen secured a good supply while they lasted.

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"The codfish," continued the captain, "have now come within reach of the hook and line fishermen and are being caught extensively during July and August they remained in deeper water, in fair abundance, but glutted from the caplin. Some contend that the cod did not come closer to coast—to the loss of the trappers—was that nowadays there are not the number of whales about to chase the codfish into the shallower water; the whales are being quickly killed off in the north.

"The Newfoundland trawling fleet did not do well either and blame the dogfish," went on the master of the J. J. Cox. "Why, when we were on the ground we threw over some trawls but were unable to reach the codfish. The bait would be grabbed by the 'dogs' before the lines had time to sink down to where the cod were swimming.

"These pests," he concluded, "have only been known about Labrador in recent years and when they first arrived in chase of herring they were called young sharks by the inhabitants, who had never before heard of the voracious marauders."

On the departure of the J. J. Cox from Bluff Harbor, the nights were quite frosty and the air carried no uncertain tinge of winter. This is her seventh year in Labrador trading. Each time she has been commanded by Captain Robert Cox, of Shelburne, while his brother Edgar is the mate. They own and operate the vessel themselves—that is they own the greatest portion, the other shares belonging to their father, William T. Cox. After discharging her cargo at Halifax, the craft proceeds to Shelburne. Her load consists of 176 cases of lobsters, 50 barrels of salmon and 300 quintals of codfish.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.50; snappers, \$3.
Salt trawl bank cod, large, \$4.50, medium, \$4; snappers, \$3.
Drift codfish, large \$4.75 per cwt.; medium, \$4.25.
Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.75; medium, \$4.25.
Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.75; medium, \$4.25.
Flitch halibut, 10c per lb.
Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Hake, \$1.75.
Pollock, \$1.50.
Haddock, \$1.50.
Salt mackerel, \$27.50 for medium rimmed; \$21 for medium plain; \$10 or tinkers.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:
Haddock, \$1 per cwt.
Eastern cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$2; snappers, 75c.
Western cod, large, \$2.35; medium, \$2.10; snappers, 75c.
All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.
Hake, \$1.15.
Cusk, large, \$1.70; medium, \$1.25; snappers, 50c.
Dressed pollock, 80c; round, 70c.

Fresh shad, \$4 per bbl.
Fresh herring, \$3 per bbl. for bait; \$1.50 to salt; \$1.60 to freezer.
Fresh bluebacks, \$3 per bbl., for bait; \$2 to freezer.
Bank halibut, 12c per lb. for white and 10c for gray.

SMALL BOATS GET TINKERS

The "smoke boats" made some small hauls of mackerel yesterday to the southward, mostly tinkers, which sold at Boston this morning at top-notch prices.

The fares in are steamers Reliance, Whileaway, Bethulia and the sch. Little Fannie. Most of the fish are small, with a few large and mediums mixed.

Wholesalers paid 39 cents each for the large ones and six and seven cents a pound for mediums and tinkers.

Schooling off Halfway Rock.

According to reports of the incoming shore market fleet, mackerel have been schooling the past few days off Halfway Rock, but on account of the heavy sea and wind, it has been almost impossible to do anything.

Heath's Trap Made Good Haul.

That fish are around the shores is evidenced from the fact that 5000 pounds were taken in Heath's trap yesterday. The fish were of the thinnest variety, much the same size as those taken down off Chatham and off Nantucket recently.

Fares at Newport.

At Newport yesterday, these fares were reported:

Alice, seven barrels; Wood and Mack 17 barrels; N. A. Rowe, 10 barrels; Clara T., 14 barrels.

Information to the Times states that prospects there are good.

GILL NETTERS GET TOGETHER

A meeting of the gill netters was held at the rooms of the Master Mariners' Association last evening to talk over matters pertaining to the coming season's fishery, the regulation of price, etc.

There was a general discussion of the subject at which a large number of the principal boat owners were present. A committee was appointed to take up the matter of local market regulation.

On the Railways.

Sloop yacht Kulinda is on the Rocky Neck railways.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton is on Burnham Brothers railways.

Schs. Massasoit, John Hays Hammond and J. P. Foster, Jr., are on Parkhurst's railways.

Halibut Sales.

The halibut fare of sch. John Hays Hammond sold to the New England Fish Company and that of sch. Kineo to the American Halibut Company for 10 cents per pound for white and 8 cents for gray. Both trips will take out today.

Herring at North Truro.

A wire from Atkins & Huges, North Truro states that plenty of herring are in the weirs there today.